

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MARCH 5, 2007 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Virginia Russell-Russell, Chairman
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin
Bill Lally
Mark Gearreald, Interim Town Manager
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: James Workman

Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7PM.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mr. Moore received a call from Warren Bambury, one of our Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) representatives, inviting him and others to attend their meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Chairman Bridle-Russell announced that two longtime residents are in the hospital. Richard True has had a heart operation and Charlie Burlington is in Exeter Hospital. She wished them both a speedy recovery.

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. CAPTAIN TIM CROTTS – CELL PHONES

Police Captain Crotts came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss a new mobile phone rate plan with Nextel.

Currently there are two small mobile phone accounts that the Town has being used by Police, Parks and Recreation and a third larger account covered by the Town Manager, Attorney, Building Department, Police and Public Works (the Fire Department does not have the use of Nextel phones at this point in time). The problem with the current system is that several of the phones being used are on outdated plans resulting in unnecessary costs. The separate accounts between departments do not enable the Town to take advantage of the multi discounts being offered to large accounts or discounted government rate plans.

Combining all departments (including the Fire Department) into a single master account would enable the Town to take advantage of significant discounts. The master account will be managed by the Finance Department. Sub-account summaries will be generated for each Department for their review.

The cost savings for switching to a “master plan” will be approximately \$11,000 a year.

Mr. Giffin asked how much the plan will cost. Captain Crotts stated that the Town was paying \$2,000 per month for mobile phone service, with the new plan it will cost \$800 to \$1,000.

Mr. Lally was very impressed with the contract Captain Crotts had worked out with Nextel. The reason being, the contract may be cancelled at any time, which is an important factor when considering budget concerns. Mr. Lally is happy to see that Captain Crotts has been able to save the Town a lot of money.

Mr. Gearreald thanked Captain Crotts for negotiating favorable terms for products and services contracts for the Town. Mr. Crotts will be retiring this year after 30 years in law enforcement and 12 years with the Town of Hampton.

2. DAVE CROPPER – FISH SHACK

Dave Cropper was approached in 2003 by a family member who owns the “fish shack” property, to ask if he was interested in repairing and maintaining the historical buildings located Ruth Stimpson Park.

Mr. Cropper obtained a NH Department of Environmental Services minimum impact permit. He met with the Conservation Commission who supported his being approved for the Hampton Planning Board Special Permit to work within the Wetlands Conservation District. In addition to a number of conditions required to be met as part of the permit approval, Mr. Cropper was required to consult with the Town Manager to determine if he needs to go before the Board of Selectmen to obtain permission to do repairs on Town property. He is here for that purpose tonight.

Mr. Cropper provided pictures of the structures requiring repair. The Board was overwhelmingly in support of the project.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to permit Mr. Cropper to proceed with restoring/renovating the Fish Shack. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

III. MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2007

Page 4 – under Announcements and Community Calendar – first paragraph - forth line – the project estimate should read “\$60,000 and \$16,000 remains to be raised.”

Page 4 – second paragraph – should read as follows: “...since 1996 Town voters overwhelmingly supported, except for one year which only passed by 86 votes, supported a warrant article ...”

The February 26, 2007 minutes stand as corrected.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. INTERIM TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gearreald reported that the heating duct in the basement hallway was installed today and a new heater installed in the room adjacent to the Selectmen's meeting room. It is hoped that this new system allow for better heating in the Selectmen's meeting room, which is on a separate system.

The Annual Town Report is scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

Our new Town Manager, Frederick W. Welch, is scheduled to begin his service with the Town on Monday, March 12, 2007. We are planning a welcoming potluck breakfast for him at 8:30 a.m., and all Town employees are invited to stop by and meet him. The Board of Selectmen is invited also, especially for Fred's swearing in, which Arlene Andreozzi will perform at that time.

Mr. Gearreald has invited Fred to attend the Tuesday, March 6, 2007 staff meeting in preparation for his coming on March 12. He also provided a list of Town employees, our existing organizational charts, and our Department Head resumes.

The next monthly meeting of the Rockingham Planning Commission will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in our Selectmen's meeting room in the Hampton Town offices. Our Town Planner, Jamie Steffen, will be there to present Hampton's planning update. At the request of one of our RPC representatives (Warren Bambury), Mr. Welch has been invited to attend this meeting.

Jay Diener, Maureen Duffy and Mr. Gearreald met last Wednesday to plan for work on producing the Guide to Hampton. Jay had previously presented this concept to the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on February 5, 2007, and has created an outline for its contents. Armed with that outline, Mr. Gearreald will be enlisting the help of the Department Heads to develop descriptions of their Departments for the Guide. Also, Maureen has scheduled a meeting for Jay with Doc Noel of the Chamber of Commerce and Hampton Beach Precinct Commissioner John Kane for Wednesday of next week. Mr. Welch has also been invited to this meeting.

The closing on the Pondsides, LLC Ice Pond property has been further postponed to the second week in March.

Maureen Duffy informs me that notices will be sent out soon to board/committee members whose terms are expiring to solicit their interest in reappointment or replacements.

Cindy Mastin's last day of work was March 2. Cindy has been the Police Chief's Administrative Assistant for the last 11 years, first for Chief Wrenn and now for Chief Sullivan. Mr. Gearreald thanked her for a job well done, and wished her well.

The subject of private roads will soon be a subject to be dealt with by the new Board of Selectmen and Manager. Various people have come to the Manager's office to ask how to petition for maintenance or takeover of their private roads. The subject of road law in New Hampshire is not simple, and the town Attorney cannot advise private citizens how to prepare or present their petitions. Accordingly, any citizen who comes to the Town office seeking advice will instead be referred to the Local Government Center publication entitled "*A Hard Road to Travel: New Hampshire Law of Local Highways, Streets and Trails*." Copies of this book are being ordered so that same may be made available for examination at the Lane Memorial Library reference section and the office of the Town's Administrative Assistant.

Candidates' Night for Town and School races is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM and will be broadcast live on Channel 22.

Mr. Gearreald requested that the Board meet in a nonpublic meeting regarding a personnel matter

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to have a nonpublic session regarding personnel under RSA 91a:3,II(a) immediately following tonight's Selectmen's meeting. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

BOARD'S RESPONSE TO THE MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lally asked if there have been any decisions in regards to funding the guidebook to Hampton. Mr. Gearreald said that it depends on what the Board would like to do. The guidebook will serve many functions and can be used to promote Hampton. It is hoped that financial input from the Chamber of Commerce and Beach Precinct will be offered to assist in covering production expenses.

Mr. Griffin noted that Jay Diener is volunteering his time and skills to produce the guidebook and is looking to keep the costs as low as possible.

Chairman Bridle-Russell thanked Mr. Gearreald for his services over the past six months as the Interim Town Manager.

2. WARRANT SYNOPSIS

The Town vote will be held March 13th. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerks office and must be returned by 5PM on Monday March 12th.

Article 1 deals with the various elected official positions.

Planning Board Chairman Tracy Emerick came to tonight's meeting to provide an overview of the Zoning Ordinance articles as follows:

Article 2 attempts to define a "hotel room".

Article 3 deals with changing a portion of the Residential Zoning districts to a new designation of Professional/Office Residential District in the area of Winnacunnet Road and High Street (between Lafayette Road and Mill Road) as well as add a new Professional/Office Residential District.

Article 4 is to amend Article III – Use Regulation to provide revision of descriptions for certain use categories.

Article 5 amends Article IV – Dimensional Requirements, Table II to revise the duplex provision in the Residence B Zoning District for minimum lot area per dwelling unit to eliminate the conflict between Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

Article 6 amends Article VI Parking to revise the parking requirements to further specify that parking must be on-site and clarify that stacked parking for Condominium Conversions of pre-existing Non-Conforming Uses shall constitute one parking space and to further define parking space by adding a definition of Stacked Parking.

Article 7 deals with multi-family dwellings to exempt the current Hampton Beach Village District area from the requirement of providing 400 square feet of recreational area per unit. Article 8 is to comply with current fire codes.

The Warrant Synopsis as follows:

Article 9 deals with the operating budget. Chairman Bridle-Russell provided an overview of a chart produced by the Finance Director explaining in detail the proposed budget. This chart has been included in the Town report. Considering the Budget Committee's recommendations to restore four firefighter positions, to hire the 20 Police Special Officers, and to hire a Conservation Coordinator as well as other items such implementing GASB, \$461,710 have been added to the 2007 Default Budget figures. The chart developed by the Finance Director to explain the full financial disclosure of the operating budget is in response to Article 42.

Article 10 requests raising and appropriating funds for the Children's Christmas Parade.

Article 11 deals with the Police Forfeiture Fund and a Special Revenue Fund to carry out all lawful functions allowed under federal, state and local criminal justice forfeiture program.

Article 12 is to raise and appropriate funds from revenues generated from the Hampton Cable TV Local Organization Fund.

Article 13 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,300 generated from the sale of town-owned cemetery lots, to the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund.

Articles 14 through 25 are separate, Selectmen sponsored warrant articles for various social services.

Articles 26 through to 29 are private petitioned articles for various social services.

Article 30 is a private petitioned article dealing with raising and appropriating funds to construct a sidewalk on Mill Road.

Articles 31 through 34 are private petitioned articles for various social services.

Article 35 is dealing with larviciding mosquito breeding areas.

Article 36 is a private petitioned article for Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program.

Article 37 is a private petitioned article for the Great Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross seeking funds.

Article 38 is a private petitioned article that is advisory only: to name new Town streets and roadways after military personnel whose primary residence was Hampton and who gave his or her life in defense of the United States, or any public safety employee who gave his or her life in the Town's service.

Article 39 is to increase the number of trustees of the Hampton Trust Funds from 3 to 5.

Article 40 and 41 deals with the Town taking over ownership of Taylor River Estates Road or to declare it an Emergency Lane.

Article 43 is the New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution.

Articles 44 and 45 are relating to the revenues generated from parking in Town lots in the Precinct area. Article 44 would allow 20% of revenues for a recreation infrastructure fund. Article 45 would resind the 20% of revenues currently allotted for Town infrastructure within Beach Village Precinct.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST FOR NAMING OF STREET

The Developer of a 6-lot subdivision known as 89 Woodland Road, proposed three different names to be considered by the Selectmen.

The consensus of the Board was to wait until after the vote on March 13th to determine the outcome of Article 38 (the advisory article regarding naming new streets and roadways names after Hampton military personnel or Town employee who died in service.

2 – SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ACCEPTANCE OF SUMMERWOOD DRIVE RSA 674:40-a,III.

The Planning Board has provided a proposed deed for Summerwood Drive that is being furnished for acceptance by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town. The Planning Board at their meeting on February 7, 2007 reviewed the completion documents and recommends the Selectmen accept the roadway deed.

A public hearing needs to be held before the Selectmen can act.

Mr. Gearreald noted that the public hearing does not need to be posted in a local newspaper.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to schedule the public hearing on acceptance of Summerwood Drive RSA 674:40-A,III on March 12th. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. SIGNING OF WARRANT

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to sign the 2007 Warrant for DRA. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:08PM to a nonpublic session. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman